Park-and-Ride Lots and Commuter Services in Massachusetts

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Park-and-Ride Lots in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Highway Department and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority operate a number of commuter parking lots throughout the state. These **Park-and-Ride lots** enable individuals to drive short distances from their homes and gain access to other forms of transportation, such as commuter buses, carpools, and vanpools. Most of the lots are conveniently located along major arteries. Parking is often free.

Many suburban MBTA rapid transit and commuter rail stations offer inexpensive parking facilities for commuters. Prices at these stations range from $1 to $4 per day.

This brochure is intended to help commuters find and use the many Park-and-Ride facilities in the state. By using these lots, commuters can do much to address the problems of traffic congestion and air pollution.

The map on the reverse of this brochure lists and indicates the locations of these lots.

MassPike lots: green numbers

Mass. Highway Dept. lots: purple numbers

To learn more,
call CARAVAN for Commuters at
617-227-POOL or **1-800-248-5009**.

Commuter Check®

Vanpoolers, as well as private bus, transit, and boat commuters, can take advantage of a tax-free and easy to implement program called Commuter Check®.

The program is based on the selling of transit vouchers to employers, who then distribute them to employees as a benefit. In Boston, the vouchers can be used to pay fares for CARAVAN vanpools, as well as area transit, bus, rail, and ferry services.

For employees, Commuter Checks are a tax-free benefit that allows them to offset the cost of a necessary service.

For employers, Commuter Checks are a fully tax-deductible business expense (under Section 132 of the Federal tax code, employers can subsidize employee transit fares up to a maximum of $65 per month, or up to $780 a year). Commuter Check® vouchers are available in $20 denominations in Boston.

The MBTA, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the New England Bus Transportation Association, and CARAVAN all play a role in the marketing and coordination of Commuter Check® in Boston.

To learn more, or to receive Commuter Check® materials, please call CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL or 1-800-248-5009 (toll free in MA).

Commuter Buses

For more information, call the numbers provided, or contact CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL

♿ denotes lift-equipped bus service for handicapped passengers on selected routes

T denotes carriers that operate MBTA subsidized routes

American Eagle Motor Coach
Phone 508-993-5040, 1-800-453-5040
Serves New Bedford Area, Taunton
♿

Bloom Bus Lines
Phone 508-822-1991
Serves Taunton, Raynham, Fall River, Easton
T ♿

Bonanza Bus Lines
Phone 1-800-556-3815
Serves Cape Cod, Fall River, Foxboro, Western MA, RI, ME, NY, CT

Brush Hill Transportation
Phone 617-986-6100
Serves Medfield, Medway, Milford, Westwood, Millis, Dover
T ♿

C&J Trailways
Phone 603-431-2424, 1-800-258-7111
Serves Coastal NH, Newburyport

Carey's Bus Lines
Phone 617-447-4444
Serves Abington, Braintree, Rockland, Weymouth, Whitman
T ♿

Cavalier Coach
Phone 617-330-1234
Serves Marlboro, Northboro, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston
T ♿

The Coach Company
Phone 1-800-874-3377
Serves Northeastern MA, Southern NH
T ♿

Concord Trailways
Phone 1-800-639-3317
Serves Concord NH, Londonderry NH, Manchester NH, Northern NH, Bangor ME, Portland ME

Greyhound Lines
Phone 1-800-231-2222
Serves National

Gulbankian Bus Lines
Phone 508-460-0225
Serves Hudson, Marlboro, Southboro, Framingham
♿

Interstate Bus Lines
Phone 617-344-2231
Serves Bridgewater, Easton, Middleboro, Stoughton
T ♿

Peter Pan Bus Lines
Phone 1-800-343-9999
Serves Fitchburg, Framingham, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Newton, Springfield, Western MA, Worcester Area, CT, NY
T ♿

Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway Co.
Phone 508-746-0378
Serves Cape Cod, South Shore, Southeastern MA
T ♿

Trombly Commuter Lines
Phone 508-937-3626
Serves Andover, Lawrence, Salem NH
T ♿

Yankee Bus Lines
Phone 617-268-8890
Serves Acton, Concord

Vermont Transit
Phone 1-800-451-3292
Serves Newburyport, Southern NH, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lowell, Springfield, VT, ME, CT, NY

For information on commuter bus service, call CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL or 1-800-248-5009.

Commuter Boats

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Airport Water Shuttle
Phone 617-330-8680
Serves Rowes Wharf to Logan Airport

Bay State Cruises
Phone 617-723-7800
Serves Hull to Long Wharf and Rowes Wharf
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Boston Harbor Cruises
Phone 617-227-4321
Serves Charlestown Navy Yard to Long Wharf
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Boston Harbor Commuter Service
Phone 617-740-1253
Serves Hingham to Rowes Wharf
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Mass Bay Lines
Phone 617-542-8000
Serves Hingham to Rowes Wharf

City Water Taxi
Phone 617-422-0392
Serves Boston Inner Harbor, on-demand water taxi service

Cape/Island Express Lines
Phone 508-997-1688
Serves New Bedford, Martha's Vineyard

Cuttyhunk Boat Lines
Phone 508-992-1432
Serves New Bedford, Cuttyhunk

Hy-Line
Phone 508-778-2600
Serves Hyannis to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket

Island Queen
Phone 508-548-4800
Serves Falmouth to Martha's Vineyard

Massachusetts Steamship Authority
Phone 1-800-352-7144, 508-771-4000
Serves Woods Hole to Martha's Vineyard, Hyannis, Nantucket

Find a better way to work by just picking up the phone.

One free call to CARAVAN puts you in touch with RideSource 3.0, our unique, computerized ridematching system.

Using your commute origin, destination, and travel times, RideSource 3.0 can link you to carpools, vanpools, commuter boats, private buses, and the commuter rail, creating a travel plan tailored to your commuting needs.

Call **617-227-POOL** or **1-800-248-5009** and receive free ridematching and personalized commute planning.

CARAVAN FOR COMMUTERS, INC.

CARAVAN for Commuters is Massachusetts' statewide commuter services organization. A private, nonprofit company, CARAVAN works with state transportation agencies, employers, and individual commuters to promote alternatives to drive alone commuting. The company provides free ridematching services for commuters. All of CARAVAN's efforts seek to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and maximize mobility.

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Vanpooling

Hundreds of CARAVAN vanpools travel in Massachusetts every day, and CARAVAN has the latest information on every group. When you call, you receive free referrals to every group that fits your commute. RideSource 3.0, our statewide transportation matching database, gives you instant access to every group making your work trip. You get a vanpool that travels where you do when you do.

Joining a CARAVAN vanpool or starting your own group is easy. Just call CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL. As a private, nonprofit organization specializing in commuter transportation, CARAVAN offers you its reliable personalized service absolutely free.

How It Works

Vanpooling is a cooperative arrangement in which 7 to 15 commuters with common schedules share the ride to work. In most cases, one person from the group volunteers to do the driving in exchange for a free commute and personal use of the vehicle. Each group also has at least one back-up driver who assumes responsibility for the van should the regular driver be ill or on vacation. The pick-up/drop-off points and the route are set and agreed to by the group. Monthly charges, including fixed, operating, and insurance costs, are based on daily round-trip commute mileage and vehicle model and year. Each vehicle provider carries an insurance policy. Because the group splits the expenses, the per-person charge decreases as the number of vanpool riders increases. Commuter Check® vouchers can be used to pay for vanpool transportation. CARAVAN provides services to the vanpools, including marketing and ridematching assistance necessary to maintain ridership.

Benefits of Vanpooling

• Cost Savings: Riding in a vanpool drastically reduces commute costs. Vanpoolers share gas costs, tolls, parking costs, and other expenses. Based on figures provided by the American Automobile Association, driving alone to work 50 miles each way can cost over $6,700 a year. The same commute in a 14-person vanpool can cost as little as $1,186 annually.

• Convenience: Vanpoolers are sometimes picked up and dropped off at their homes and worksites. In other cases, vanpoolers pick up their rides at close, convenient park-and-ride lots.

• Free Registration and License Plates: Massachusetts offers free registration and license plates to all qualified vanpools. Contact CARAVAN for certification and application information.

• Insurance Discount: Vanpool passengers are eligible to receive a discount on their persona automobile insurance. Every month, CARAVAN will mail the vanpool driver a pass for each qualified passenger on the van. This pass signifies vanpool participation for that month. By collecting 11 consecutive monthly passes during the policy year, a vanpool passenger can claim a 10% discount on property damage and collision coverage at the beginning of a policy year.

• Vanpool Boarding Zones: Vanpools traveling to Boston have the opportunity to use Vanpool Boarding Zones. The Boston Transportation Department has designated a number of such zones, each of which is conveniently located on major commuting routes throughout the city. The program provides vanpools with reserved 10-minute standing zones, which may only be used by registered vanpools. Time restrictions vary.

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JOIN ONE CALL 617-227-POOL

Vanpool Parking

A number of designated and free parking areas are available in Boston exclusively for use by vanpools. CARAVAN, working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and private property managers, has secured these spots. Many of the spaces are free, and others are offered at deep discounts. Vanpool parking is located in the Financial District, Government Center, North Station area, and other convenient sites throughout the city.

For more information about vanpooling, contact CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL or 1-800-248-5009.

Massachusetts Highway Department High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes

Using HOV lanes can effectively reduce traffic congestion, promote ridesharing, improve air quality, and increase workplace accessability. HOV lanes are open to CARPOOLS, VANPOOLS, BUSES, and other multiple-passenger vehicles. They are not open to single-occupant vehicles.

I-93 North

- Runs for two miles from Mystic Avenue in Medford to the Route 1/I-93 merge, just before the Charles River Crossing.
- Eligible to High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs), or vehicles with two or more occupants (carpools, vanpools, buses, etc.).
- Open to HOVs only between 6:30 AM and 9:30 AM (non-HOV vehicles may use the lane at all other times).

I-93 South (Southeast Expressway)

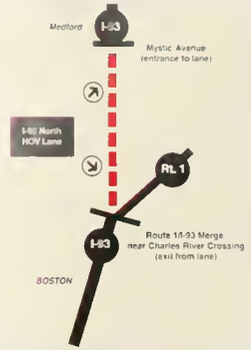
- Called the "Southeast Express Lane," this HOV lane runs for six miles from Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy to Freeport Street in Boston.
- Open during peak commuting hours in the AM and PM for inbound and outbound traffic.
- A special vehicle that can place moveable concrete barriers is used to create the HOV lane for the morning and afternoon commutes.
- The lane is equipped with cameras that monitor incidents and accidents in the lane. In addition, emergency vehicles can gain access to the lane through retractable gates.

HOV Lanes are marked in red on the Park-and-Ride Map

For information on the HOV lanes, as well as carpool, vanpool, and bus commuting, call CARAVAN at 617-227-POOL or 1-800-248-5009

HOV Lane Locations

I-93 North



I-93 South (Southeast Expressway)

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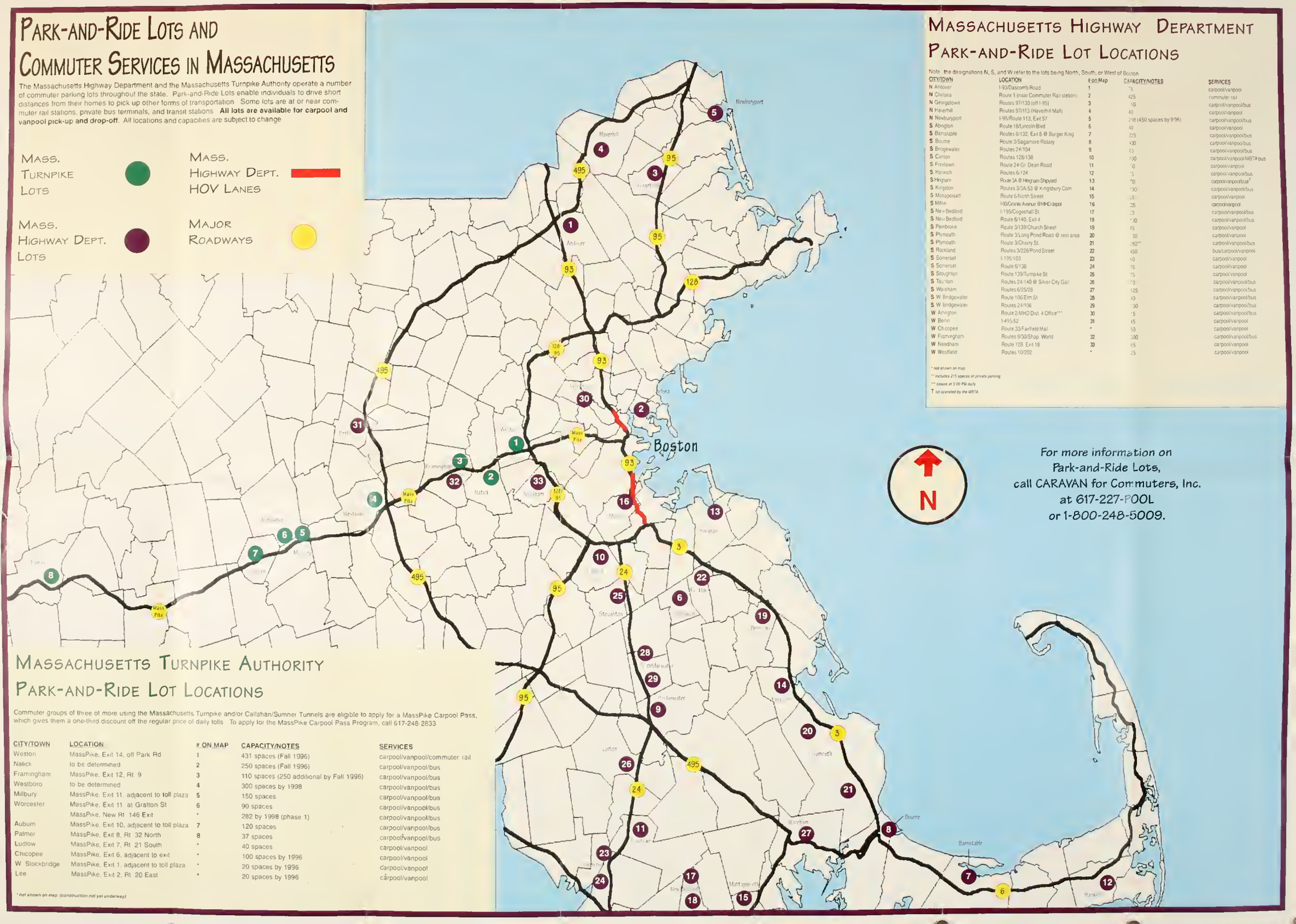
Mass. Turnpike Lots

Mass. Highway Dept. HOV Lanes

Mass. Highway Dept. Lots

Major Roadways



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Massachusetts Highway Department Park-and-Ride Lot Locations

Note: the designations N, S, and W refer to the lots being North, South, or West of Boston

CITY/TOWN	LOCATION	# on Map	CAPACITY/NOTES	SERVICES
N Andover	I-93/Dascomb Road	1	75	carpool/vanpool
N Chelsea	Route 1 (near Commuter Rail station)	2	425	commuter rail
N Georgetown	Routes 97/133 (off I-95)	3	40	carpool/vanpool/bus
N Haverhill	Routes 97/113 (Haverhill Mall)	4	40	carpool/vanpool
N Newburyport	I-95/Route 113, Exit 57	5	298 (450 spaces by 9/96)	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Abington	Route 18/Lincoln Blvd	6	40	carpool/vanpool
S Barnstable	Routes 6/132, Exit 6 @ Burger King	7	225	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Bourne	Route 3/Sagamore Rotary	8	430	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Bridgewater	Routes 24/104	9	60	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Carlton	Routes 128/138	10	100	carpool/vanpool/MBTA bus
S Freetown	Route 24/Gr. Dean Road	11	10	carpool/vanpool
S Harwich	Routes 6/124	12	35	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Hingham	Route 3A @ Hingham Shipyard	13	70	carpool/vanpool/boat[T]
S Kingston	Routes 3/3A/53 @ Kingsbury Corn	14	100	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Mattapoisett	Route 6/North Street	15	35	carpool/vanpool
S Milton	I-93/Granite Avenue @ MHD depot	16	25	carpool/vanpool
S New Bedford	I-195/Cogeshall St.	17	20	carpool/vanpool/bus
S New Bedford	Route 6/140, Exit 4	18	100	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Pembroke	Route 3/139/Church Street	19	65	carpool/vanpool
S Plymouth	Route 3/Long Pond Road @ rest area	20	30	carpool/vanpool
S Plymouth	Route 3/Cherry St.	21	190**	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Rockland	Routes 3/228/Pond Street	22	450	bus/carpool/vanpool
S Somerset	I-195/103	23	40	carpool/vanpool
S Somerset	Route 6/138	24	75	carpool/vanpool
S Stoughton	Route 139/Turnpike St.	25	75	carpool/vanpool
S Taunton	Routes 24/140 @ Silver City Gall	26	30	carpool/vanpool/bus
S Wareham	Routes 6/25/28	27	125	carpool/vanpool/bus
S W Bridgewater	Route 106/Elm St	28	40	carpool/vanpool/bus
S W Bridgewater	Routes 24/106	29	130	carpool/vanpool/bus
W Arlington	Route 2/MHD Dist. 4 Office***	30	15	carpool/vanpool/bus
W Berlin	I-495/62	31	15	carpool/vanpool
W Chicopee	Route 33/Fairfield Mall	*	50	carpool/vanpool
W Framingham	Routes 9/30/Shop World	32	300	carpool/vanpool/bus
W Needham	Route 128, Exit 18	33	65	carpool/vanpool
W Westfield	Routes 10/202	*	25	carpool/vanpool

* not shown on map
** includes 215 spaces of private parking
*** closes at 5:00 PM daily
T lot operated by the MBTA

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Park-and-Ride Lot Locations

Commuter groups of three or more using the Massachusetts Turnpike and/or Callahan/Sumner Tunnels are eligible to apply for a MassPike Carpool Pass, which gives them a one-third discount off the regular price of daily tolls. To apply for the MassPike Carpool Pass Program, call 617-248-2833

CITY/TOWN	LOCATION	# ON MAP	CAPACITY/NOTES	SERVICES
Weston	MassPike, Exit 14, off Park Rd	1	431 spaces (Fall 1996)	carpool/vanpool/commuter rail
Natick	to be determined	2	250 spaces (Fall 1996)	carpool/vanpool/bus
Framingham	MassPike, Exit 12, Rt 9	3	110 spaces (250 additional by Fall 1996)	carpool/vanpool/bus
Westboro	to be determined	4	300 spaces by 1998	carpool/vanpool/bus
Millbury	MassPike, Exit 11, adjacent to toll plaza	5	150 spaces	carpool/vanpool/bus
Worcester	MassPike, Exit 11 at Gratton St	6	90 spaces	carpool/vanpool/bus
	MassPike, New Rt 146 Exit	*	282 by 1998 (phase 1)	carpool/vanpool/bus
Auburn	MassPike, Exit 10, adjacent to toll plaza	7	120 spaces	carpool/vanpool/bus
Palmer	MassPike, Exit 8, Rt 32 North	8	37 spaces	carpool/vanpool/bus
Ludlow	MassPike, Exit 7, Rt 21 South	*	40 spaces	carpool/vanpool
Chicopee	MassPike, Exit 6, adjacent to exit	*	100 spaces by 1996	carpool/vanpool
W Stockbridge	MassPike, Exit 1, adjacent to toll plaza	*	20 spaces by 1996	carpool/vanpool
Lee	MassPike, Exit 2, Rt 20 East	*	20 spaces by 1996	carpool/vanpool

* not shown on map (construction not yet underway)